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**Amendments To The Specification:**

At page 12, between lines 11 and 12 and after the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings," please delete the sentence and insert therefore the following:

--Figures 1A-1C and Figure 2 are schematic flowsheets of the apparatus of the invention.--

At page 13, lines 18-23, please delete the paragraph and replace it with the following paragraph:

--The reference numerals refer to Figures 1A-1C and 2. Figures 1A-1C show three alternative apparatus embodiments for treating a light cut, with sweetening zones shown as dotted lines. These three embodiments illustrate:

- a first mode, with a sweetening zone (7), but without a sweetening zone (12);
- a second mode, with a sweetening zone (12), but without zone (7); and
- a third mode containing both a sweetening zone (7) and a sweetening zone (12).--